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1. Between 29 June and 11 July 1954, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake (34-1) and the Hege Lake (34-2) were occupied by a total of 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. On 4 July, a ferry of 2 N2P-type pontoons was rowed by 16 soldiers on Schumke Lake. One hundred soldiers received training in swimming. The amphibious vehicles which were previously observed on Hege Lake, were no longer seen in the quartering area after 6 July. A board fence, 2 meters high, was being constructed from the northern border of the barracks installation on Schumke Lake toward the southeast, allegedly as far as Hege Lake. The entire installation as far as the north edge of Hege Lake had been more heavily guarded recently. The northwest shore of Hege Lake could not be approached. Considerable noise, including that of engines was heard from the area between Schumke lake and Hege Lake at night. On 9 July, an informant allegedly observed an amphibious tank on Hege Lake.

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2. On 11 July, 30 track-laying vehicles, the superstructures of which were covered by tarpaulins, were seen 300 to 400 meters north of the spit at Hege Lake. The vehicles which may have been larger than T-34s, were heavily guarded. The area north of point 34-2 was cordoned off by three lines of Soviet sentries. A colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and rode sedan gave orders.

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Comment. The information does not definitely confirm the presence in Sperenberg of amphibious tanks but indicates that further action is warranted. The Field Command 2 is

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For location of the spit in Hege Lake, see map of Germany 1:25,000, Sheet No 3846. The motor vehicle [REDACTED]

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the first four sedans in column "a" and the sedan mentioned in paragraph 2 belong to the Hq GSFG, [REDACTED] to the Hq Third Gds Mech Army and [REDACTED] to the 36th Pon Bridge Regt; the trucks in columns "b" belong to the GSFG except for [REDACTED] which belongs to the 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mech Army; the trucks in column "c" are known to be located in this area. The barracks installation on Schumke Lake is believed to be still occupied by the 35th Engr Regt and an engineer unit of the GSFG from Bernburg or Magdeburg which presumably was equipped with the new equipment.

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